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SUBJ: MBFR: GENERAL STATEMENTS IN PLENARY SESSIONS MAY 15 AND 16

1. PLENARY SESSIONS MAY 15 AND 16 WERE DEVOTED TO PRESENTATION OF GENERAL STATEMENTS BY ALL 19 DELEGATIONS (ALL TEXTS BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM; EASTERN TEXTS ALSO SENT AS SEPTELS). WESTERN STATEMENTS FOLLOWED LINES EARLIER DISCUSSED IN AD HOC GROUP. MAJOR THESES OF EASTERN STATEMENTS (EXCEPT ROMANIAN) WERE (A) PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS " IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER" SHOULD BE OPENED TO ALL INTERESTED EUROPEAN STATES, INCLUDING NEUTRALS; (B) MENTION OF OTHER POSSIBLE REGIONAL FORCE REDUCTION CONFIDENTIAL
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FERENCES IN EUROPE FOLLOWING ON MBFR (BULGARIAN AS WELL AS ROMAN-

IAN STATEMENTS FAVORABLE REFERRED TO PROSPECTS OF SUCH A CONFERENCE FOR THE BALKANS); (C) EMPHASIS ON SPECIAL PARTICIPANT STATUS FOR HUNGARY; (D) EMPHASIS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF NO DIMINUTION OF SECURITY FOR ANY PARTY; (E) IMPORTANCE OF CSCE, AND DESIRABILITY OF RAPID CONCLUSION TO CURRENT PREPARATORY TALKS IN HELSINKI; AND (F) CLAIM THAT EAST, AND ESPECIALLY USSR, WAS THE INVENTOR AND ORIGINATOR OF FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ON SUBJECT OF SPECIFIC WORK REMAINING DURING CURRENT PREPARATORY TALKS IN VIENNA, SOVIET STATEMENT LISTED THE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AS TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND " AGENDA PROPOSALS".

3. SOVIET STATEMENT CONTAINED LIST OF ALL 19 PARTICIPANTS IN RUSSIAN ALPHABETICAL SEQUENCE. WHILE IN CONFORMITY WITH NORMAL SOVIET USAGE, THIS WAS AT VARIANCE WITH AGREEMENT RECENTLY REACHED (DETAILS IN VIENNA 3955) IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINAL TEXT OF THE PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION PACKAGE TO LIST FRG UNDER GEOGRAPHIC DESIGNATION OF " GERMANY", AS WELL AS AGREEMENT THAT RUSSIAN TEXT OF THIS PACKAGE WOULD FOLLOW SEQUENCE OF LISTING IN THE ENGLISH VERSION.

4. ROMANIAN STATEMENT CONTAINED NO MAJOR SURPRISES. IN INCLUDED THEMES OF NEED FOR ALL EUROPEAN STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCES ON MILITARY QUESTIONS, CONSEQUENT DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING ALL INTERESTED STATES IN VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS ON FORCE REDUCTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE; DEMOBILIZATION OF ALL WITHDRAWN FORCES; AND STRONG ROMANIAN PLUG FOR FURTHER REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON FORCE REDUCTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN BALKANS, TO FOLLOW ON MBFR IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ROMANIAN STATEMENT ALSO CONTAINED IMPLIED CRITI
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